programmes to provide entrepreneurs with institutional, financial and infrastructure support, consultancy, state profile, potential survey and other relevant information for establishment of small scale units in the country. Besides all the on-going Schemes/Programmes, the Central Government has introduced a comprehensive New Industrial Policy for the entire North-Eastern Region to help Small Scale Industries and Agro & Rural Industries. The salient features of the policy are as under :

(i) IID Scheme: Under this Scheme funding pattern (sharing of funds) for Integrated Infrastructural Development Centres (IIDCs) has been changed from 2:3 between GOI and SIDBI to 4:1. The Government share is in the form of grant and SIDBI share in the form of loan.

(ii) Subsidy @ 15% of the investment in Plant and Machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is allowed under the Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme.

(iii) An interest subsidy-@ 3% on the working capital loan is provided to the new units in the NE Region for a period for 10 years from the commencement of production,

(iv) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for Industrial units set up after 24.12.1997 has been put in place.

(v) Transport Subsidy Scheme has been extended by 7 years upto 31.3.2007 and amount is to be disbursed through the North-East Development Finance Corporation.

(vi) Industries located in the Growth Centres and IIDCs become Tax-free zones for income tax and excise duty for a period of 10 years.

(vii) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana Scheme, relaxation in age, income limit and enhancement in the quantum of subsidy has been given.

Cancellation of Reserved List For SSI

†4274. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw the reserve list carmarked for small scale industries;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, names of the industries included in the said list alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any review with regard to its impact on small scale industries in future after the withdrawal of the said list;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the concrete steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, 15 items were dereserved from the list of items reserved from exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector vide notification Nos. S.O.2(E) dated 1st January 2001 & S.O. 603(E) dated 29th June, 2001. These items relate to readymade garments, leather goods, shoes, toys etc. The issue of reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small-scale industries sector is examined on a continual basis by the Government and decisions in this respect are taken after considering all relevant aspects. It is too early to assess the impact of the withdrawal of these items from the reserved list on small scale industries.

Credit Guarantee Scheme for Promotion of SSI

4275. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced Credit guarantee Scheme for the promotion and development of SSI Sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is being implemented through public sector Banks in the country; and

(d) if so, the credit provided under the scheme by each Bank during the last three years, year-wise and UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. For the promotion and development of Small Scale Industries sector, the Government have launched Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme on 30th August, 2000. This scheme is being operated by the Credit